

Checklist of contents for social worker's report when DSS recommends removal:

- ☐ Discussion of reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate removal of the child from the home and plans for visitation and reunification [CRC 1455(a)(1)(B)(i)]
- ☐ Whether reunification services will be provided [see WIC §361.5(c); CRC 1456(f)(6)–(7)];
- ☐ Whether DSS considered and offered child protective services to qualified parents [WIC §358.1(a); see WIC §16500 et seq.];
- ☐ What plan will be considered for return of the child or for achieving legal permanence if reunification efforts fail [WIC §358.1(b); CRC 1455(a)(1)(B)(ii)];
- ☐ If DSS recommends guardianship, a guardianship assessment [CRC 1455(a)(1)(A); see WIC §360(a)];
- ☐ A statement that each parent was advised that he or she may participate in adoption planning and may voluntarily relinquish the child [WIC §358.1(g); CRC 1455(a)(1)(B)(iii)];
- ☐ A statement why reunification services should not be provided if DSS alleges that WIC §361.5(b) applies [CRC 1455(a)(1)(C)];
- ☐ Whether visitation with grandparents is in the child's best interests [WIC §358.1(c); see CRC 1456(a)(7)(C), 1429.1(c)];
- ☐ The nature of any sibling relationship, whether it is appropriate to maintain the relationship, and the impact of the relationship on placement and permanency planning [WIC §358.1(d)];
- ☐ Whether the parent's or guardian's right to make educational decisions for the child should be limited [WIC §358.1(e)];
- ☐ Whether the child appears to be eligible to be freed from parental custody and control [WIC §358.1(f)];
- ☐ The appropriateness of placement with a relative [WIC §358.1(h); see WIC §361.3]; and
- ☐ Whether a caregiver is willing to provide legal permanency if reunification is unsuccessful.